

Application No. 10/529,477
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for microwave cooking a raw meat or a raw marine product, said method comprising:

preparing a seasoning comprising at least one organic acid selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, citric acid, succinic acid, malic acid, lactic acid, butyric acid and tartaric acid, a starch, a thermosetting protein, and an edible fat and oil;

applying the seasoning to said raw meat or said raw marine product; and

~~so that a seasoning comprising at least an organic acid is fixed on a surface of~~
subjecting said seasoned raw meat or said seasoned raw marine product, and then performing
to microwave heating so that any fishy odor generated during cooking can be eliminated.

Claim 2 (Cancelled): ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein a starch, a thermosetting protein, and an edible fat and oil are added to the organic acid in order to fix the seasoning on the surface of the raw meat or the raw marine products.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein said seasoning further comprises a melanoidin ~~or a melanoidin-producing material.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A seasoning comprising an organic acid-comprising food comprising at least one organic acid selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, citric acid, succinic acid, malic acid, lactic acid, butyric acid and tartaric acid, a starch, a thermosetting protein, and an edible fat and oil.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A seasoning, according to claim 4 comprising, an organic acid-comprising food comprising at least one organic acid selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, citric acid, succinic acid, malic acid, lactic acid, butyric acid and tartaric acid, a starch, a thermosetting protein, an edible fat and oil, and further comprising a melanoidin or a melanoidin producing material.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The seasoning according to claim 4, wherein said organic acid-comprising food is a fermented food.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A food for microwave cooking, comprising prepared by seasoning a raw meat or a raw marine product so that a seasoning for microwave cooking is fixed on a surface of said raw meat or said raw marine product, said seasoning comprising an organic acid comprising food, a starch, a thermosetting protein, and an edible fat and oil to which the seasoning according to claim 4 is applied.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A food according to claim 7 for microwave cooking, comprising wherein said a raw meat or a raw marine product to which the seasoning further comprises a melanoidin or a melanoidin producing material according to claim 5 is applied.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A food according to claim 7 for microwave cooking, comprising wherein said organic acid comprising food is a fermented food a raw meat or a raw marine product to which the seasoning according to claim 6 is applied.

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Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The seasoning according to claim 5, wherein said organic acid-comprising food is a fermented food.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)